

REMARKS

The Examiner has found claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention as shown in FIGS. 4a, 5, 6, 8, 13, and 15. The Examiner requires election under 35 USC 121 of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner, however, has not grouped the claims and requires Applicant to do so.

Applicant responds that Claims 1 and 11 through 18 are elected for Restriction with traverse. Applicant submits that prosecution of the Restricted claims relies on FIGS. 1 through 4 (all prior art) and FIGS. 13, 14, and 14a.

Applicant makes the Restriction election with traverse. Applicant believes that Claims 1 through 19 are all species claims of generic Claim 1 and has so constructed his Application. Applicant recognizes that if Claim 1 is not found to be allowable, then the cited various species may be patentably distinct from Claim 1 and from each other. Applicant further recognizes that Claims 1 through 31, although reliant on the drawings and specification contained in the Application, are not species variants of Claim 1.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Having responded to the requirement for Restriction, and having elected with traverse the claims for prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests early reconsideration of the application and speedy allowance of all claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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